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SUBJECT: NATO AEW-PARKER STUDY

REF: USNATO 2304

1. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF THE E-2C/E-3A
DEMONSTRATED PERFORMANCE COMPARISON ANALYSIS, DATED
FEB. 27, 76, TO MINISTER LEBER AND THE FRG. HOWEVER,
IT SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO NATO AT THIS TIME. THIS
RELEASE SHOULD HAVE A CAVEAT ATTACHED STATING THAT
THE COMPARISON IS OVER A YEAR OLD AND THAT THE NATO AWACS
DIFFERS FROM THE E-3A SID/BRASSBOARD AIRCRAFT REFERENCED
IN THE COMPARISON IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT ASPECTS WHILE THE
E-2C CONFIGURATION REMAINS AS STATED IN THE STUDY. THE
MORE IMPORTANT NATO AWACS DIFFERENCES ARE: (1) INCREASED
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TRACK CAPACITY; (2) AUTOMATIC TRACK INITIATION; (3) ECM
RESISTANT COMMUNICATIONS; (4) AND MARITIME SURVEILLANCE
MODIFICATION. ALSO, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CONCLUSION
THAT THE E-2C IS THE SUPERIOR PERFORMER IN MANAGING THE
SEA AND OPEN-OCEAN AIR BATTLE WAS PREDICATED ON ITS
PRIMARY ROLE IN SUPPORT OF CARRIER OPERATIONS.

2. WHILE WE WANT TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE TO THE
FRG REQUEST, WE MUST POINT OUT THAT MOST PORTIONS OF THE

STUDY ARE CLASSIFIED SECRET AND MUST BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE
PROTECTION BY THE FRG. THE SUMMARY (SECTION 3) IS
UNCLASSIFIED AND SHOULD BE USEFUL IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
BUNDESTAG. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS US MISSION IS AUTHORIZED
TO PROVIDE COPY OF THE SUBJECT STUDY TO FRG.

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